

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 26, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the present Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Roberts) is also responsible for the environmental ministry and in addition is burdened with constitutional reform duties, and in view of the fact the former government recognized the tremendous importance of the ministry of science and technology by regarding it as a separate entity, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. Gilchrist):

That the Prime Minister give immediate and serious consideration to elevating this vital portfolio to its rightful position by appointing a new minister who understands the urgent need in Canada for massive reform of outdated and inadequate programs, and who will have the sole responsibility for science and technology unencumbered by other diversions.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

CALL FOR DELAY IN IMPOSITION OF SALES TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the October 28 budget has imposed new sales tax regulations on manufacturing firms that assemble or package goods, and whereas the new regulations will impose financial hardships on some of these firms in that they have already quoted prices and sold goods to be delivered after January 1, 1981, when the regulations come into effect, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to allow at least a six-month lead time for the imposition of this tax to give these firms time to adjust their prices accordingly.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HEALTH CARE

EXTRA BILLING BY PHYSICIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Alberta government refuses to end extra billing by physicians and therefore gives its blessing to the 37 per cent of Alberta doctors who extra bill their patients; whereas Premier Davis of Ontario merely muses publicly about the unacceptability of extra billing but refuses to take any measures whatsoever to end the practice; and whereas former Justice Emmett Hall in his review of our medicare system has said that extra billing by physicians inhibits reasonable access to services and is contrary to the intent and purpose of the act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House direct the Minister of National Health and Welfare to ensure that the federal government, in her own words, "re-establish control of the medicare program", as she argued so passionately during her brief period of exile from her department, or state categorically that she is content to let the practice of extra billing continue in order that a two-tier health care system can rise from the ashes of what was once a program in which Canadians had confidence.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE BY FRANCE IN CANADIAN AFFAIRS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi): Madam Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous